



College Refectory will get face-lift

The Sweet Briar College Board of Directors and Overseers, at its meeting in New York in September, gave the go-ahead for architects to develop plans for the renovation of the College Refectory as an arts center.

Last summer, the College received a \$200,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation to be used for the renovation of the Refectory. To meet the challenge, the College must raise, by June 15, 1983, the \$850,000 still needed to finance the \$1.6 million project.

According to President Harold B. Whiteman, Jr., plans are to "break walls," as opposed to breaking ground, in January of next year.

The Refectory is one of the original Sweet Briar College buildings constructed in 1906 and was in use as a dining hall until the Prothro Commons was completed in 1981. Now the Refectory will be renovated to provide classrooms and offices for the Department of Art History, as well as an art library and a secure gallery for the display of the College's permanent collection and other art exhibitions.

Sweet Briar is one of 132 nonprofit organizations to receive Kresge Foundation grant commitments this year.

In accepting the grant, President Whiteman said, "We are convinced that this major challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation will have beneficial consequences not only to the \$1.6 million Refectory project, but also the successful completion of Sweet Briar's Comprehensive Development Program — Generations."

The College is engaged in a \$12.1 million fund-raising campaign in which \$7.6 million already has been raised in the first two years.

The Kresge Foundation challenge grant provides a major incentive and stimulus for both solicitors and donors. To date, Sweet Briar has received \$870,000 for this project, leaving \$730,000 still to be raised in new gifts and pledges by June of 1983.



David I. Abrams

Search is on for new president

President Harold B. Whiteman, Jr., who has held Sweet Briar's top administrative position for the past 12 years, announced last May his decision to retire at the end of June 1983.

Following Mr. Whiteman's announcement, the Board of Directors met in Washington, D.C., and authorized the formation of an Advisory Committee to the Presidential Search. The Committee, which is to present recommendations for the presidency to the Board of Directors and Overseers, is composed of representatives from the board, alumnae, faculty, and student body.

Applications and nominations may be directed in care of Mrs. Pamela L. Whittaker, Executive Secretary to the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, Box N, Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595 (telephone 804/381-5462).

Members of the Advisory Committee to the Presidential Search are as follows:

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Richard C. Rowland
Gregory T. Armstrong

Students

Claire M. Cieszko
Eleanor B. Bibb

Flying Without Fear, a Continuing Education course offered jointly by Sweet Briar and Air Virginia in early September, helped ten fearful fliers conquer their phobias. Psychology professor David A. Johnson and Captain John Lewis, Air Virginia's chief pilot, jointly taught the course which was the brain-child of Albert Fink, assistant to the president. Johnson is seen here, in background, giving last-minute relaxation instructions to the class before the graduation flight, while members of the media record the journey.



Dean Belford addresses convocation

Says, 'Connect, only connect...'

Sweet Briar College celebrated the arrival of a new dean, Fontaine Maury Belford, and its largest student body in more than a decade in a rousing convocation ceremony on September 14.

The audience of nearly 1,000 rose to applaud Dean Belford, who encouraged the students to connect themselves to the community and the world.

Drawing her theme, "Connect, only connect..." from author E.M. Forster, she told the students to become aware of the links between actions, individuals, communities, and nations. "To connect is to participate not only in our lives, but in all lives," she said. "You cannot do just one thing. Everything is connected to everything else."

Dean Belford, whose doctorate is in comparative literature, included quotes from the works of Forster, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Oscar Wilde in her remarks, blending philosophy with bits of analysis of the world's political and economic interdependence.

She told the students that a liberal education would allow them to con-

nect the past with the present world, and in turn to connect themselves to



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Dean Fontaine Maury Belford

that world. "A college is a community of connections," she said. "Honor it; honor what binds us."

Before Dean Belford spoke, President Harold B. Whiteman, Jr. and Eleanor Bibb, president of the Student Government Association, addressed the convocation.

Whiteman briefly reviewed the College's history, commended its faculty, campus and equipment, and emphasized its importance as a women's residential college. "Here, remember, how you live will have much to do with how you learn."

Miss Bibb spoke about the "Sweet Briar attitude," which she said was a positive response to "the challenges and opportunities that confront us."

The convocation was an official welcome for Sweet Briar's student body of 753, the largest in 13 years. Whiteman said the school's 278 new students had been selected from a similarly large pool of applicants.

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Chang research focuses on Inupiat

Claudia Chang, assistant professor of anthropology, lived in an Eskimo village this summer with a State University of N.Y. (SUNY)-Binghamton research group that made headlines in August with the discovery of seven Inupiat Eskimos who died about 150 years ago.

While in Alaska in the Barrow area, Chang flew in a Bureau of Land Management helicopter surveying Barrow. Afterwards she stayed with an Eskimo family in Nuiqsut, a fishing camp of the Inupiat. Her an-

thropological studies on how these people were using an inland water area paralleled the archaeological studies of the State University of New York (SUNY) team.

In October, Sweet Briar College received a subcontract from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under which Chang will return to Nuiqsut during December and January to measure the impact of socio-economic growth resulting from oil exploration on the North Slope of Alaska.



Catherine Sims, dean emeritus, has been elected president of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa for the triennium 1982-85. Mrs. Sims has been a senator of Phi Beta Kappa since 1973 and vice president of the United Chapters since 1979. She served on the Committee on Qualifications from 1967 to 1982 and was chairman of the committee from 1973 through 1982. She also has been chairman of the Phi Beta Kappa Foundation since 1979.

Grant helps transform Chapel

The Office of Student Affairs and various student development functions were given new life with the start of classes this fall following the completion of a Student Development Center made possible through a \$100,000 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund.

The Office of Student Affairs, formerly located in Reid Dormitory,

now is housed in a suite of renovated offices in the basement of the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel.

In addition, the new Student Development Center also houses the various student organizations, such as government, publications, and the Social Committee.

According to Robert Barlow, dean of student affairs, the decision to centralize student affairs activities came

about after a study of campus space utilization found that the ground level of the chapel could be used more effectively. A second conclusion of the study was that if the College's goal to increase enrollment to 750 was to be achieved, some of the offices located in the dorms would have to be converted into student housing.

Barlow says the new center is helping the Student Affairs Office realize one of its primary goals — maximizing the growth and development of students. "What we do is let students know they are responsible for their own growth," says Barlow. "We do that by providing the tools."

The tools include the information, skills, and experience provided by career planning, the Chaplain's office, R.A. peer counseling, housing operations, and outdoor programs, all now to be found in the renovated space.

The new Development Center also houses the offices of the three student publications (*Sweet Briar News*, *The Briar Patch*, and *The Brambler*), Student Government, and the student Social Committee.

In addition to the renovations downstairs, the chapel itself also got some help from the duPont grant. New lighting and the installation of a sound-absorbing curtain will help the chapel expand its uses for liturgical dance and drama and instrumental presentations.

Sweet Briar joins Old Dominion Athletic Conference

Competitive sports at Sweet Briar entered a new era this academic year when officials of the physical education department accepted an invitation to join the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC).

With a chance now to participate in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournaments, Sweet Briar is competing this year with women athletes from 13 other ODAC colleges and universities.

According to June Booth, athletic director, and Jennifer Crispen, chairman of the physical education department, membership in ODAC falls in line with Sweet Briar's continuing efforts to upgrade its sports program. "It gives us an opportunity to compete with other colleges that have similar goals and similar philosophies," says Crispen.

Sweet Briar's membership in ODAC will not affect the existing sports offerings at the College. Competition in ODAC will include field hockey, basketball, swimming and diving, tennis, and lacrosse. Competition in volleyball and riding will continue with other colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Soccer and golf still are strong club sports on campus.

Those member colleges and univer-

sities in ODAC include, in addition to Sweet Briar: Bridgewater College, Eastern Mennonite College, Emory and Henry College, Hampden-Sydney College, Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon College, Roanoke College, Washington and Lee University, Maryville in Tennessee, Catholic University, Hollins College, Mary Baldwin, and Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

This fall, Sweet Briar's field hockey team is competing for the first time in ODAC with the conference championship tournament scheduled for November 6 and 7 at Roanoke College.



Sorry about that

APOLOGIES: Ethel Burwell '82 was identified erroneously as her class representative to the Board of Overseers in the last issue of the *Bulletin*.

That honor belongs to her classmate, Anne Edmunds '82. Miss Burwell was elected by her class as a member-at-large to the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association.

In early August, 79 children, ages 3 to 14, studied violin or piano at the week-long Central Virginia Suzuki Institute under the direction of Rudy Hazucha and Susan Fralin, both from the Lynchburg Talent Education Suzuki School. The institute, held for the first time at Sweet Briar, culminated with solo recitals in Babcock Auditorium. Seen here playing scaled-down violins are, clockwise from top, Jasper Oliver, Christopher Horwege, Amy Lynn Kurz and Robert Snead.



Lee Luther, Jr.

JYF celebrates 35th anniversary

The National Advisory Committee of the Junior Year in France celebrated the program's 35th year under the auspices of Sweet Briar College at a luncheon meeting in New York on September 25.

Honored guests at the luncheon included President Emeritus Martha Lucas Pate, who was responsible for bringing the program to Sweet Briar; Theodore Anderson, emeritus professor of French at the University of

Texas, first director of the program, and Douglas W. Alden, professor of French and chairman of the Department of French Language and Literature at the University of Virginia.

President Harold B. Whiteman, Jr. presented Alden with a citation for his long service to the Junior Year in France. Alden has been a member of the Advisory Committee for 32 years and its chairman since 1967. He was also a student with the JYF in 1931-32, when the program was under the

direction of the University of Delaware.

Two other anniversary celebrations are scheduled: a party in Paris on January 27 for current JYF students and alumnae living in Europe to be held at the offices of the bi-lingual newspaper *France Amerique* and a reunion at Sweet Briar for SBC alumnae who participated in the JYF program. Rep. Paul Simon of Illinois, a strong proponent of foreign language study, will be the featured speaker.



Honored guests at the Sweet Briar Junior Year in France 35th anniversary celebration in September included Martha Lucas Pate, president of Sweet Briar from 1946 to 1950, shown here with Theodore Anderson, emeritus professor of French at the University of Texas and first director of the program.

Greeting them (center) is Robert G. Marshall, professor of French at Sweet Briar and director of the program since 1972.

Dan Miller

Sweet Briar is the only Virginia woman's college included in 100 Top Colleges: How to Choose and Get In, by John McClintock, college counselor at Francis Parker School in Chicago (John Wiley, 1982). The College also was named one of the ten best colleges in the South in the September issue of Good Housekeeping. Others on the list were: Agnes Scott, Duke, Emory, Millsap, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Rice, University of the South, Tulane, and Vanderbilt.

Jaffe appointed library director

John Jaffe was appointed director of the library effective July 1. Jaffe received his B.A. degree in English from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, in 1970, and his M.A. degree in English and M.S. degree in library science from Villanova University.

Also effective July 1, Patricia Wright was appointed associate director of the library. She is a 1957 graduate of the University of Missouri with a B.A. in social work and received her M.S. degree in library science in 1967 from Villanova University.

Donovan named food director

Gail Donovan, former assistant director of university food services at the University of Virginia, has been appointed director of food services at Sweet Briar, succeeding David B. Eames, who retired in June after 11 years' service.

Donovan has direction of Prothro Commons, the College's chief dining facility, which was completed in the fall of 1981; the Wailes Student Center, and catering services. She is managing a staff of 75.

Heil named director

Gail Johnson Heil, former executive program director of the Woman's Resource Center of Central Virginia, has been named director of Continuing Studies and Summer Programs at Sweet Briar.

Mrs. Heil is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and served as assistant registrar at R-MWC, 1980-81 and as Docent Program coordinator for the R-MWC Art Gallery, 1978-80.

New Faculty, 1982-83

James L. Alouf, assistant professor of education, B.A., King's College; M.A., Rutgers

Fontaine Belford, dean of the College and professor of English, A.B., Hollins College; A.M., Yale Divinity School; Ph.D., University of North Carolina

Victoria Dashkevich-Purto, visiting lecturer in history of art, M.A., Leningrad University; Ph.D., U.S.S.R. Academy of Arts

Ronald A. Davies, assistant professor theatre arts, A.B., Dartmouth; M.A., Catholic University of America

Cornelius R. Eady, Margaret Banister Writer-in-Residence

Clifford A. Hart, Jr., visiting instructor in government, B.A., Mary Washington College

Karen Kurvink De Las Casas, assistant professor of biology, B.A., Augustana College; M.S., Northwestern University; Ph.D., University of Minnesota

Kathleen Lance, assistant professor, cataloger, branch librarian, B.A., Heidelberg College; M.L.S., University of Denver

Cheryl Mares, assistant professor of English, B.A., University of Colorado; M.A., Ph.D., Princeton University

Karen V.H. Parshall, assistant professor of mathematics, B.A., M.S., University of Virginia; Ph.D., University of Chicago

Nicolai N. Petro, visiting instructor in government, B.A., University of Virginia

Harriet Pollack, lecturer in English (part-time), B.A., Sarah Lawrence College

Marc M. Schloss, assistant professor of anthropology, B.A., Oberlin College; M.A., Temple University; Ph.D., University of Virginia

Nancy D. Spencer, visiting instructor in photography, B.A., Hollins College

Antonia Magdalena Taylor, assistant professor of Spanish, B.A., Herbert H. Lehman College; M.A., Queens College; Ph.D., CUNY

Christine Zampach, assistant professor of physical education, B.S., Wisconsin State University at La Crosse; M.Ed., Springfield College

Alumnae invited to Winter Term

Winter Term at Sweet Briar is a special time of year — a time to combine study in both credit and noncredit courses on and off campus.

Winter Term 1983 will be no exception, says Gail Johnson Heil, director of continuing studies and summer programs, as she extends a special invitation to alumnae to participate in this year's winter program.

Heil says in addition to the wide selection of credit courses both on and off campus, noncredit courses are planned in subjects ranging from typing to retail management and career

planning.

Winter Term costs to alumnae (ages 26 to 64) are \$350 for a credit course and \$60 for a noncredit course. Extra costs for off-campus courses will vary and room and board on campus is \$250 for the term.

Arrangements to participate in Winter Term should be made by November 30; registration will be completed by January 3, the first day of class.

For more information on Winter Term contact Heil at 804-381-5653.

Ann Marshall Whitley '47, gave the annual Founders Day address on October 6. Her talk, "The Face in the Red Velvet Frame," was an account of the saga of her search and discovery of the only known photograph of the College's founder, Indiana Fletcher Williams. Mrs. Whitley has been very active, along with Miss Helen McMahon '32, in developing the Sweet Briar Museum, which houses College memorabilia and historic furnishings, clothing, and other artifacts.



Faculty and Staff Notes

Elizabeth R. Baer, assistant dean of the College and assistant professor of English, was appointed in August to the Review Panel of the Division of Public Programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities and to the Virginia State Planning Committee of the American Council of Education's National Identification Program.

Baer also will have an essay appearing in the spring edition of the anthology, "Fictions of Female Development," entitled "The Sisterhood of Jane Eyre and Antoinette Cosway."

She also gave the keynote address in September on "Southern Women: Myth and Reality," at the Fauquier Public Library in Warrenton, Va., a symposium funded by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.

Barbara Blair, professor of chemistry, recently was elected to the Nominating Committee of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa to serve until 1988. She also was re-elected secretary/treasurer of the South Atlantic District to serve until 1985. She received her appointments at the 33rd Triennial Council Meeting of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa in Boston in August.

She also attended a symposium on Gene Expression at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in May this year.

Robert L. Chase, associate professor of mathematics and director of academic computing services, will direct a \$25,000 program to integrate computing into the liberal arts curriculum via a grant from the IBM Corporation. Chase planned and wrote the proposal which resulted in the grant to Sweet Briar. He also obtained from Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) a \$25,000 equipment grant which will allow Sweet Briar to add high-resolution

color graphics to its computing facilities. He attended a course in Advanced Assembler Programming at DEC in Boston, as well as an advanced seminar in computer networks sponsored by DEC.

Chase also has been elected president of the Central Virginia Chapter of the Association for Computer Machinery (ACM), the largest national organization for computing professionals.

Paul Cronin, professor of physical education, in June held a Forward Riding Clinic at Hugh J. B. Cassidy's Old Field Farm on Long Island.

John Daughtry, chairman of the department of mathematical sciences, attended a short course called "Statistical Data Analysis," taught by representatives from Bell Laboratories, while attending the American Mathematical Society meeting in August.

Ernest Edwards, professor of biology, was granted a sabbatical leave for winter and spring terms to complete new editions of *A Coded List of Birds of the World* and *A Field Guide to the Birds of Mexico* to be carried out in Washington, D.C., Chapel Hill, and Mexico or Panama.

Maria Embeita, professor of Spanish, participated this summer in the First International Congress on Saint Theresa and the Origins of Hispanic Mysticism in Pastrana, Spain, and presented a paper called "Saint Theresa: The Book of Her Life and the Mystic Tradition of Autobiography."

She also gave a lecture this summer in Ateneo de Madrid on "Autobiography as a Dilemma," and was invited to the First International Congress of Poetry in Madrid sponsored by the University of Madrid and El Ateneo.

Milan Hapala, professor of government, was granted a sabbatical leave for the year to write a monograph on environmental protection and policy in the

socialist countries. The work is being carried out at the Russian and East European Institute of the University of Illinois.

Carter H. Hopkins, director of career planning, was voted the 1982 School Counselor of the Year, Post Secondary Division, by the Virginia School Counselors Association.

Allen W. Huszti, associate professor of music, studied at Case Western Reserve University while on sabbatical during 1981-82 and also found time to perform as a member of CWRU's Early Music Singers; as a soloist, voice recitalist, and organist at Trinity Cathedral; as a voice recitalist at the Bay Village Public Library; and as a harpsichordist at Baldwin-Wallace College. During the summer he participated as a singer, harpsichordist, and fortepianist at the Baroque Performance Institute at Oberlin College.

Julia Jacobsen, director of government relations and sponsored programs, has been elected treasurer of Region II (Mid-Atlantic) of the National Council of University Research Administrators and is serving a second term on the External Affairs Committee of the Society of Research Administrators.

Bonnie Kestner, assistant professor of physical education, received a Professional Tennis Registry Certification this summer from Dennis Van der Meer's TennisUniversity. She also completed two graduate courses at the University of Virginia on sport psychology and motor learning.

Reuben Miller, professor of economics, received a grant for interdisciplinary work in the humanities for participation in the Second International Conference on Cultural Economics and Planning in Maastricht, the Netherlands.

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Sweet Briar House is the subject of an article to appear in the Autumn issue of Southern Accents, which is scheduled for mid-November publication. The history of the house, so inextricably entwined with that of the College, illustrated by exquisite photographs of the house as it is today, makes this must reading for alumnae and friends of the College.

Faculty and Staff Notes

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Karen Parshall, instructor in mathematics, published an article in the summer edition of the *Journal of the History of Biology* entitled "Varieties as Incipient Species: Darwin's Numerical Analysis."

Michael Richards, professor of history, was granted a sabbatical leave for the year to prepare a comparative study of the radical student movements in France and America in 1968.

Joanne Rosinski, assistant professor of biology, attended in August a conference on "Genetic Engineering of Plants" at the University of California at Davis.

John Savarese, assistant professor of English, coauthored "A Visual Design Consultant," a paper to be published in the proceedings of the October IEEE Conference on System Management Cybernetics and has been invited to give a talk to the Lynchburg Chapter of the Data Processing Management Association in October. His talk will be on "Making Machines Know: Where Language and Computers Meet."

Savarese will be on sabbatical in January and will study the semantics of natural language in the computer science department of Stanford University.

Terry Scarborough, director of admissions, coordinated and moderated a panel called "The Evaluation of Credentials: Making Admissions Decisions" at the spring conference of the Potomac and Chesapeake Chapter of the Association of College Admissions Counselors.

Brent Shea, assistant professor of sociology, this summer reviewed manuscripts for the "Humboldt Journal of Social Relations" and served on a review panel which selected papers for presentation at the 1983 Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association. He also wrote a review of "The Sociology of Youth and Youth Subcultures" for the December issue of *Contemporary Sociology*, a journal of the American Sociological Association.

Brian Shelburne, assistant professor of mathematics, this past summer took courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute on data structures and computer architecture to prepare for the new math-computer science major offered this year at Sweet Briar.

Raymond Twiddy, associate professor of studio art, was granted a leave for the year to complete studies in interactive computer graphics at George Washington University.

Sweet Briar Directors Meet in New York City

When the Sweet Briar Board of Directors and Overseers held its "away" meeting in New York City in September, the Alumnae Club of New York and the Board seized the opportunity to entertain at a cocktail party at the Colony Club on the 23rd. Colony Club privileges were made possible by Mrs. Joseph Broadus (Anne Bowen '44).

In another gala event the following night, the Board honored members of the President's Circle, Boxwood Circle, and Fletcher Associates at its annual dinner. More than 100 members of these groups attended the dinner, which was held at the Cosmopolitan Club, opened to the College through the membership of Mrs. Charles G. Gambrell (Sarah Belk '39).



Dr. Florence Hague 1889-1982

Dr. Florence Sander Hague, 93, emeritus professor of biology at Sweet Briar College, died July 17 at Charlotte, North Carolina. She retired in 1954, after teaching at the College for 28 years.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, where she also took her master's degree, Professor Hague held a doctorate from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Hague taught at Kansas State College, at Wellesley, and at Oregon State College before coming to Sweet Briar. She was for several years secretary of the Virginia Society of Ornithology and of the Biology Section of the Virginia Academy of Science. She was president of the Lynchburg Sigma Xi Club, 1947-49.

Following her retirement, she continued to live at Sweet Briar for a number of years. In 1966, she moved to Charlotte, and at the time of her death was a resident of the Wesley Nursing Center there. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her sister, Edith Hague.

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Formal dedication of Sweet Briar's new Parcourse Fitness Circuit, which was built this summer with the help of a generous donation from John B. Rogan of Charlottesville, former member of the Board of Overseers, was held during Parents Weekend in mid-October. The 1.3-mile course is a series of 18 exercise stations, each carefully explained and illustrated, which combine recreational activities within a complete, medically sound fitness program. Seen here are junior Mary Margaret Cranz and Gerald Berg, associate professor of history, stopping at the sit-up station, mid-way through the exercise course.